

Circuit Court

Mission:

The Circuit Court will maintain and improve the quality of justice for all County citizens, emphasize efficiency, effectiveness, and fairness, and value and respect the individual.

Goals:

- To hear and decide promptly matters brought before the Court, without bias or prejudice, remaining faithful to the law, and not be swayed by partisan interests, public clamor or fear of criticism.
- To require order, decorum, and civility in proceedings before the Court.
- To require staff, Court officials, and others subject to the Court's control to refrain from bias or prejudice and employ courtesy and decorum in the performance of their duties.
- To exercise the power of appointment impartially and on the basis of merit.

Implementation Strategies for FY2002:

- As chief judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, to work toward uniform local practices and procedures throughout the Circuit which includes Poquoson, Williamsburg, York, Charles City, James City, King William, King and Queen, Gloucester, Mathews, Middlesex, and New Kent Counties.
- Statistics provided by the Supreme Court of Virginia indicate that in 2000 (the most recent yearly figures available) in the York County Circuit Court, 676 civil cases were commenced and 633 concluded; 1476 criminal cases were commenced and 1589 concluded. Grand juries met 6 times; petit juries were impaneled 27 days. Included in the concluded civil cases: 276 divorces, 102 other equity cases, 31 petitions for individuals to change their names, 26 garnishments, 14 petitions for guardians for incapacitated persons were granted, and 117 concealed weapon permits were issued.

Budget Issues:

- In FY1999, funding was approved for an additional part-time Judicial Assistant.
- For FY2002, there are no significant changes.

General Fund Expenditures	FY1998 Actual Expenditures	FY1999 Actual Expenditures	FY2000 Actual Expenditures	FY2001 Original Budget	FY2001 Expected Appropriations	FY2002 Adopted Budget
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Personnel Services	35,896	48,343	50,578	54,225	54,225	45,572
Contractual Services	7,975	7,531	11,598	8,900	8,900	11,900
Internal Services	38	51	47	50	50	75
Other Charges	1,758	1,329	2,171	2,325	2,325	2,800
Materials & Supplies	2,273	3,159	2,276	3,140	3,140	3,140
Capital Outlay	<u>3,895</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Activity Total	<u>51,835</u>	<u>60,413</u>	<u>66,670</u>	<u>68,640</u>	<u>68,640</u>	<u>63,487</u>

FTE's

Management	-	-	-	-	-	-
Professional/Technical	-	-	-	-	-	-
Admin/Clerical	1.00	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
Trades & Crafts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>1.00</u>	<u>1.50</u>	<u>1.50</u>	<u>1.50</u>	<u>1.50</u>	<u>1.50</u>

